

Board Administrator
New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board
190 St. Francis Dr., N2150
Santa Fe, NM 87502

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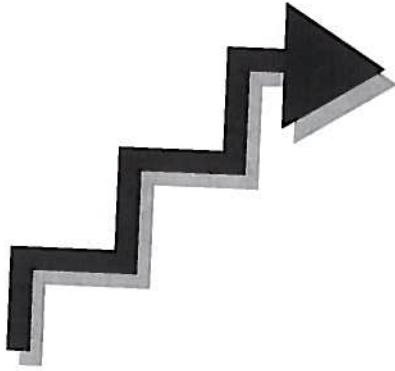
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Respectfully,



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November 1, 2011

New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board
PO Box 5469
Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469

Re: **Request to Repeal Greenhouse Gas Regulations**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I respectfully ask that the Greenhouse Gas Cap and Trade Program be repealed. Greenhouse gas is a global issue, so implementation of the referenced Program within NM has absolutely no chance of having any measurable effect on global emissions and/or climate change. But, what will be measurable will be the loss of industry and the associated jobs to our state and region, as the regulations drive corporations to seek friendlier states and regions. Please repeal these regulations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Heidi Hill

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November 2, 2011

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Re: **Greenhouse Gas Cap & Trade Regulations Will Hurt New Mexico**

Board Members,

Repeal the Greenhouse Gas Cap and Trade Program! It is clear global climate change is a global issue. Implementation of Cap and Trade Program within New Mexico will not impact global emissions and/or climate change in any meaningful way. Where the impact of this Program will be felt is on the State's economy and jobs, as these regulations drive companies elsewhere. Do what is best for New Mexico and repeal these regulations!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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March 31, 2011

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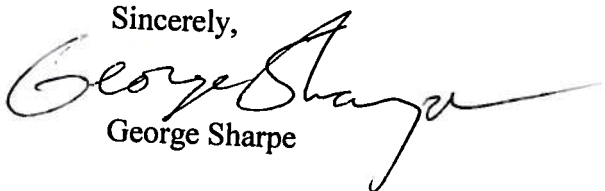
Re: **Greenhouse Gas Regulations Need Repealed**

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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I respectfully ask that the Greenhouse Gas Cap and Trade Program be repealed. I work in the oil and gas industry in New Mexico and I have seen firsthand that this bill takes away the economic advantage New Mexico once had. While neighboring state without the Cap and Trade program regulations are adding jobs in the oil and gas industry and associate fields. New Mexico cannot afford to lose jobs and population to our neighboring state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rod Troxell



Louise Thompson

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October 31, 2011

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Respectfully,

(Please sign your name below)

Louise Thompson

A consumer/member of Continental Divide Electric Cooperative



Larry Rutherford
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10-28, 20 11

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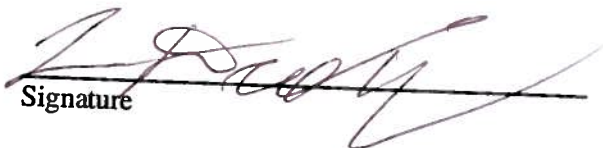
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Jennie Daniels

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Written Comments: Repeal Greenhouse Gas Cap and Trade Provisions
November 08, 2011

By Ralph Kotoski
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Ref: Cases EIB 11-15 (R), EIB 11-16 (R), EIB 11-17 (R)
Rules: 20.2.350, 20.2.300, 20.2.301, 20.2.100

I support full repeal of the referenced rules in their entirety.

The adoption of these rules in November of 2010 was biased and bad policy that was not supported by rational scientific or economic analysis. It is a violation of individual rights by a government whose primary purpose is to protect those rights.

Furthermore, the entire quest to minimize carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is misguided because CO₂ is the foundation of life on earth. No life would exist on earth without CO₂. Less CO₂ would be harmful to plants, animals and humans. More CO₂ will be beneficial to plants, animals and humans.

Benefits to Plants

Literally thousands of laboratory and field experiments have *conclusively demonstrated* that enriching the air with carbon dioxide stimulates the growth and development of nearly all plants. Of particular importance to New Mexico, the experiments have also revealed that higher-than-normal CO₂ concentrations dramatically enhance the efficiency with which plants utilize water, sometimes as much as doubling it in response to a doubling of the air's CO₂ content. Consequently, even in soils lacking sufficient water and nutrients for good growth at today's CO₂ concentrations, plants exposed to the elevated atmospheric CO₂ levels expected in the future generally show remarkable increases in vegetative productivity. This should enable them to successfully colonize low-rainfall areas that are presently too dry to support more than isolated patches of desert vegetation.

In light of these facts, it is not surprising that Earth's natural and managed ecosystems have *already* benefited immensely from the increase in atmospheric CO₂ that has accompanied the progression of the Industrial Revolution; and they will *further* prosper from *future* CO₂ increases. Pictures taken 100 years apart bear this out.

Carbon dioxide emissions resulting from the burning of fossil fuels should not be feared; they are something to be *celebrated*!

Table 1

Growth Response to 300 ppm Additional CO₂		
<u>GRAINS</u>	<u>MEAN % INCREASE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF STUDIES</u>
Barley	41.5%	15
Rice	34.3%	137
Wheat	33.0%	214
	Average: 36.3%	
<u>VEGETABLES</u>		
Green Beans	64.3%	17
Soy Beans	47.6%	162
White Potatoes	29.5%	33
Sweet Potatoes	33.7%	6
Corn	21.3%	20
Carrots	77.8%	5
	Average: 45.7%	
<u>FRUITS</u>		
Cantaloupe	4.7%	3
Sweet Cherries	59.8%	8
Strawberries	42.8%	4
Tomatoes	31.9%	35
	Average: 32.8%	
<u>TREES</u>		
Black Cottonwood	124.0%	5
Red Maple	44.2%	13
Northern Red Oak	53.3%	7
Loblolly Pine	61.9%	65
	Average: 70.8%	
Source: http://www.co2science.org/data/plant_growth/plantgrowth.php		

Certain health-promoting substances, such as vitamin C and antioxidants, are increased with additional airborne CO₂.

These improvements are clearly in the direction of improving human health in that eating the identical volume of some fruits or vegetables will result in a greater consumption of vitamins, minerals and even some herbal nutrients.

CO₂ is the staff of life for Earth's plant kingdom, which is the beginning of the planet's food chain; without CO₂ there would be no life on Earth.

CO₂ is what plants eat and causes them to grow and produce food. A byproduct of plant photosynthesis is oxygen which is also critical to many living organisms. We breathe in oxygen

and CO₂ with no ill effects. CO₂ helps keep the Earth warm, particularly in its first 100 ppm concentration in the atmosphere. Today, at 385 ppm, and rising, CO₂ is having a miniscule effect on Earth's temperature change.

Benefits to Humans

Far from being a pollutant, rising atmospheric CO₂ concentrations will never directly harm human health, but will indirectly benefit humans in a number of ways. Chief among these benefits is global food security. People must have sufficient food, simply to sustain themselves; and the rise in the atmosphere's CO₂ concentration that has occurred since the inception of the Industrial Revolution (an increase of approximately 100 ppm) has done wonders for humanity in this regard. And, it will continue to work wonders in helping us meet the rising food consumption needs of a larger, future population.

In addition to increasing the *quantity* of food available for human consumption, the rising atmospheric CO₂ concentration is also increasing the *quality* of the foods we eat. It significantly increases the quantity and potency of the many beneficial substances found in their tissues (such as the vitamin C concentration of citrus fruit), which ultimately make their way onto our dinner tables and into many of the medicines we take, improving our health and helping us better contend with the multitude of diseases and other maladies that regularly afflict us. In just one species of spider lily, for example, enriching the air with CO₂ has yielded the production of higher concentrations of several substances that have been demonstrated to be effective in fighting a number of human maladies, including leukemia, ovary sarcoma, melanoma, and brain, colon, lung and renal cancers, as well as Japanese encephalitis and yellow, dengue, Punta Tora and Rift Valley fevers.

Future Increases in CO₂ Will Not Produce Any Direct Adverse Health Effects

Several studies have demonstrated that health problems from excessive concentrations of CO₂ do not seriously impact human health until the air's CO₂ concentration reaches approximately 15,000 ppm (Luft *et al.*, 1974; Schaefer, 1982), which is approximately 40 times greater than its current concentration and far above any concentration achievable by burning fossil fuels.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Additional information, details and references may be found at: www.plantsneedco2.org, www.co2science.org and www.nipccreport.org. I especially recommend the last because it has both "Climate Change Reconsidered: The 2009 Report of the *Nongovernmental* International Panel on Climate Change" (868 pages) and "Climate Change Reconsidered: The 2011 Interim Report of the *Nongovernmental* International Panel on Climate Change" (432 pages). While quite lengthy, both reports contain executive summaries that pinpoint the most important conclusions of the extensive compilations of scientific work discussed in the bulk of the documents.

Reasoned, objective evaluation of the CO2 facts leads to the conclusion that the climate change alarmists' flawed computer models, falsified data and wild speculations are completely refuted by the volumes of substantial benefits to mankind and, indeed, all life on earth that increased CO2 could bring.

Due to the increase in atmospheric CO2 since the industrial revolution the benefits that have accrued to all life on earth--plants, animals and humans--have been enormous. Furthermore, additional increases in CO2 will reap additional benefits.

Therefore, I urge the EIB to protect individual rights by repealing the referenced rules in their entirety, as well as any others that seek to limit or reduce atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ralph H. Kotoski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'R'.

Ralph H. Kotoski

Written Comments

EIB 11-15, EIB-16 (R), EIB 11-17
Proposed Repeal Greenhouse Gas Cap and Trade Provisions
20.2.300, -301 and -350 NMAC

November 8, 2011
By Gabrielle M. Kotoski



I support full and complete repeal of the New Mexico Greenhouse Gas Cap and Trade requirements (20.2.300, -301 and -350 NMAC).

They should be repealed in their entirety; no portion thereof should be left standing because of the great harm they will cause. Repeal would be moral because, at the most fundamental level, the regulations are a violation of citizens' individual rights by government whose *sole reason for existence is to protect citizens' individual rights.*

Harmful and Unsubstantiated Rulemaking

The adoption of these regulations in November 2010 was prejudiced, improper, and bereft of support from rational analysis of validated scientific and economic evidence.

The absence of due diligence prior to adoption produced regulations that confirm and perpetuate the radical environmentalist agenda that man-caused CO2 is the direct cause of global warming, a premise that has been shown to be without merit and based on fraudulent data.

These regulations also specify measures that wrongly require reduction of CO2 emissions, again sanctioning the 'science' of man-caused global warming, science that simply does not exist.

Lastly, the rules grant legitimacy to the *real underlying agenda* of environmentalism's disciples who preach anthropogenic global warming. The rules do so by allowing the trading of carbon emission certificates, a scheme that does nothing to reduce emissions but can reward munificently those who deal in the trading process. Contrast this regulatory bonanza with the staggering regulatory costs that must borne by everyone in New Mexico.¹

¹ No independent social or economic analysis was performed despite testimony that raised these issues. For example, testimony of one electric cooperative (Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.) serving New Mexico estimated that its costs to achieve the GHG reductions would be \$100 million per year for 30 years! And those costs would have to be passed on to all their NM customers.

The economic effect on New Mexicans was never considered. Thus, I believe repeal of all the above regulations will be just and proper and will benefit all the citizens of New Mexico.

Effects on New Mexican's Right to Life, Liberty, and Property

In the case of the above-captioned EIB regulations, each of man's individual rights has been violated by government.

Morally and ethically, all men should be free to live (the right to *life*); to act on their own judgment, free of coercion (*liberty*); to keep, use, and dispose of the product of their effort (*property*); and to pursue the goals and values of their own choosing (*the pursuit of happiness*).

Man's life is his highest standard of value. He alone can choose to take the necessary actions to live or not. To take those actions, he must be free. He can take those actions on one condition only: *So long as he does not violate those same rights held by another man.*

Because we, the people, cannot individually fully protect our lives, our freedom to live and protect our property, governments are organized among men. In other words, we consent to be governed, transferring our power, i.e., the use of force, to a government for one purpose and one purpose alone: *To protect our individual rights by whatever power/use of force and means appropriate.*

Hence, the use of physical force is transferred (except in cases of self-defense) from each individual to the government which then has the sole power to use physical force and only when appropriate to defend individual rights.

Our elected representatives are morally bound by the same principles.

When they create an unelected commission, board, agency or other entity, morally and ethically the *sole purpose of the entity remains the same as that of the elected representatives, which means that the entity is morally bound to protect our individual rights in whatever role it must fulfill.*

Violated Rights

When the government itself violates any individual right of one of its citizens who has committed no violation of another citizen's individual rights, his right to life is violated. It

constitutes the illegitimate use of force on an innocent citizen. Today, many laws and government actions violate individual rights and are immoral. For example, illegitimate use of government force to take man's property (e.g., money) violates his right to freedom and property rights and, thus, his freedom to act to sustain his life. An example would be a government-forced penalty for emitting CO₂.

The above-discussed regulations violate man's right to *life, liberty and property* and, eventually, *pursuit of happiness*. A short summary of some, but not all, the violations are:

- Large, illegitimate and unwarranted financial costs to individual, innocent New Mexicans who will have to pay much more money for electricity.
- Enrichment of the trading class by impoverishment of electricity consumers.
- Illegitimate use of physical force on NM citizens by their own government, mandating obedience to these spurious regulations. This is enslavement, an unconscionable threat to life.

For the all the foregoing reasons, the above-captioned regulations should be repealed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Source Documents, Selected

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Respectfully,

(Please sign your name below)

Darlene Homer
A consumer/member of Continental Divide Electric Cooperative



PHYSICAL
63 SAN SIMON

MICHEL LECAVALIER
HC 77 BOX 27
LAGUNA NM 87026

(Please print name and mailing address above)

10-29, 2011

Board Administrator
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Laura M. Morgan
PO Box 191
Chrumpoint, NM 87313

(Please print name and mailing address above)

November 1, 2011

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Robert D. Galloway
800 Inwood Court
Grants, NM 87020

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Peggy B Parsons

P.O. Box 344

Grants, NM 87020

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Nov. 1

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AITaibes Indian Mission
PO. Box 790
Cuba, NM. 87013

(Please print name and mailing address above)

10/26, 2011

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Dr. Neil Morner

A consumer/member of Continental Divide Electric Cooperative



Joanna Piro
PO Box 423
Ramah, NM 87321

(Please print name and mailing address above)

Oct. 24, 2011

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Mr. Albert Taddy
1503 Ice Caves Rd
Grants NM 87020-9501

(Please print name and mailing address above)

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Barbara L. Winkler
1525 Ice Caves Rd
Grants, NM 87020

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ANNA J. BOWMAN
P.O. Box 84
Crownpoint NM 87313

(Please print name and mailing address above)

Oct. 31, 2011

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Anna J. Bowman

A consumer/member of Continental Divide Electric Cooperative



AUGUST-BRUHN
BOX 38
LOGAN, N.M.
(please print name and address above)
10-10, 2011

Board Administrator
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1190 St. Francis Dr., N2150
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August Bruhn
Signature



BRUHN FARMS
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August Brubn Pres.
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Ann Mac Dougal

P.O. Box 2823

MILAN, N.M. 87021

(Please print name and mailing address above)

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VERNA KURLEY
PO BOX 3676
GALLUP NM 87306

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Verna Kurley

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Raymond C Jenkins

PO Box 578

Grants NM 87020

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GRACE V. LENTE
P.O. Box 688
Mentmore, N.M. 87319

(Please print name and mailing address above)

October 14, 2011

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Grace V. Lente

A consumer/member of Continental Divide Electric Cooperative

P.S. I am an 85 yr. old
single woman on a meager
pension. God help, how can I
possibly pay even for my food?
Sorry-Boo, hoo!



Robert Garcia
#63 Cottonwood Loop

Ramah, NM. 87321

(Please print name and mailing address above)

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JOAN M. WILLIAMS
HOWARD I. WILLIAMS
P.O. Box 722 RAMAH, N.M. 87321
(Please print name and mailing address above)

October 30, 2011

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Edison R. Wato, Sr.
P.O. Box 1071
Zuni, N.M. 87327

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Royce R. Gschacher
P.O. Box 375, 2465 S.R. 53
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Henry G. Antonio

POB 136

Bluewater 87005

(Please print name and mailing address above)

Oct. 27

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(Please sign your name below)

Henry G. Antonio

A consumer member of Continental Divide Electric Cooperative



Diann Bruhn
P.O. Box 51
Logan, N.M. 88421
(please print name and address above)
Oct 26, 20 11

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Felix D. Gonzales

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SUSAN M. KASTER
808 HOUSTON AVE
GRANTS, N.M. 87020

(Please print name and mailing address above)

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Susan M. Kaster

A consumer/member of Continental Divide Electric Cooperative

*Please - people are
suffering - we can't
afford increases in anything!
we are going under out
here... help us
stay afloat! Sue
Kaster*



George H. Baker
P.O. Box 363
Grants, N. M. 87020

(Please print name and mailing address above)

October 29th, 2011

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Taube D. Jenkins

PO Box 578

Grants NM 87020

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October 30, 2011

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ROBERT R. LUTHER
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ACOMA NM, 87034

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OCT 17, , 2011

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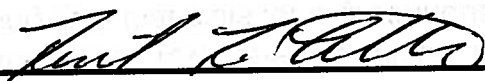
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Wanda Philemonof
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Soon to be
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Ruth A. See
P.O. Box 1084
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October 15, 2011

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Pue. Acoma NM 87034

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Carmel F. Vallu

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1713 HELENA

GALLUP, N.M. 87301

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Homestead Legacy, LLC
1416 Curry Rd 47
Broadview, NM 88112
(please print name and address above)
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Clovis, NM 88101
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Anne GRAY
1512 Del Norte
Grants, NM 87020

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(Please sign your name below)

Anne Gray

A consumer/member of Continental Divide Electric Cooperative



BARBARA A. OGLE

101 GOLDEN WILLOW CT.

GRANTS, NM 87020

(Please print name and mailing address above)

10/25, 2011

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Teambuilders Counseling
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10-26, 2011

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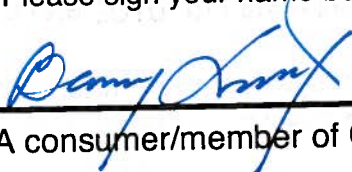
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Affordable electric power is vital to families, businesses and communities. But in 2010, the state Environmental Improvement Board passed greenhouse gas regulations without sufficient consideration of their economic impact. These regulations will drive up the cost of electricity and impede our economic recovery.

The current Environmental Improvement Board is considering repealing these regulations. Join us in sending a strong message that New Mexicans think these regulations should be repealed this year to keep electricity affordable.



www.jemezcoop.org

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1. Sign letter and
return it to JMEC
or mail it yourself.

2. Sign online at:

KeepElectricityAffordable.org

Click "Breaking
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3. Comment at
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- Nov. 8-10 and Nov. 14-18
- Dec. 5-9 and Dec. 12-16
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**Apodaca Hall
in PERA Building,
1120 Paseo de Peralta
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**VICTORY FAITH
Foursquare Church**

P.O. 540

Espanola, New Mexico 87532

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10/25/11, 2011

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RE : EIB 11-15 (R), EIB 11-16 (R) and EIB 11-17 (R)

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Pastor Victory Faith

A consumer/member of Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative

RESOLUTION NO. _____

SUPPORTING THE REPEAL OF 20.2.350 NMAC (Greenhouse Gas Cap-and-Trade Provisions); 20.2.100 NMAC (Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program); 20.2.300 NMAC (Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions); and 20.2.301 (Greenhouse Gas Reporting – Verification Requirements)

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board in 2010 approved regulations for a greenhouse gas cap-and-trade program, greenhouse gas reporting and verification, and a separate greenhouse gas cap regulation; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico regulations require greenhouse gas reductions that are substantially more aggressive than have been considered by the federal government; and

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WHEREAS, the cap applies only to New Mexico-regulated industries and will result in a cost driver on energy, goods and services that will not be present in other states and which will make New Mexico energy, goods and services non-competitive; and

WHEREAS, the price of energy is a key economic development consideration for companies seeking to locate new businesses in the state or grow their existing businesses here; and

WHEREAS, the impact of this cap will reach far beyond regulated entities and have a noticeable and negative impact on consumers of energy, goods and services throughout New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has one of the lowest per household income rates in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the cost to comply with these regulations will drive up the cost of electricity and impede our economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, climate change is a global environmental issue and no reduction of any amount in New Mexico's emissions would measurably reduce the accumulation of greenhouse gases in the Earth's atmosphere; and

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WHEREAS, the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board has scheduled hearings on the cap-and-trade regulation, the reporting and verification rules, and the cap regulation in November and December 2011 in Santa Fe.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Victory Christian Academy supports the repeal of 20.2.350 NMAC (Greenhouse Gas Cap-and-Trade Provisions); 20.2.100 NMAC (Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program); 20.2.300 NMAC (Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions); and 20.2.301 (Greenhouse Gas Reporting – Verification Requirements) because these regulations will cause significant economic disruption in New Mexico and deliver no meaningful environmental benefits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Victory Christian Academy calls upon its residents to submit comments to the Environmental Improvement Board either by writing to the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board or by attending the public comment sessions in person.

November 4, 2011

The New Mexico Environmental Department
P.O. Box 5469
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-5469

Re: The public hearing on a state greenhouse gas rule

To whom it may concern,



As a utility rate-payer and a utility shareholder, I have a direct interest in the topic of the public meeting which is scheduled for November 8, 2011 in Santa Fe. However, other commitments will not permit me to attend that meeting. Therefore, I am providing this letter to ensure that you have my personal input regarding the topic of state level rules for greenhouse gas emissions. I believe that unilateral state regulation or mutual regulation by a few states of such globally significant environmental matters is useless. I also believe that such rule making is questionable from a legal basis and is certainly disastrous from an economic standpoint.

The impact of the New Mexico greenhouse gas reduction rule, compared to the huge impacts of the coal burning industries of China and India, is not likely to provide any measurable impact on a global scale nor is it likely to produce any perceptible impact on the local or national environmental situation. However, the greenhouse reduction rule and the cap and trade rule will undoubtedly adversely impact the economy of our state (already one of the poorest in the nation). The cost impact of these rules will reduce the available capital of our industries, reduce the number of jobs in the state, and likely require out-of-state transfers of funds for purchase of carbon offsets and allowances.

As a retired person, I most certainly will be impacted by the increased energy costs which will certainly arise from such rule making, I will see a decline in both the value and dividends of my utility share holdings, and I will never see any measurable improvement of the environment here in New Mexico. Furthermore, I do not believe that there is any existing law or air quality standard that requires New Mexico to adopt such rules. As a result, oppose the greenhouse gas reduction rule and the cap and trade rule. I can foresee no benefits from such rules and lots of economic and legal problems.

Sincerely,

Eugene G. Grewis
PO Box 970
Tijeras, NM 87059

November 4, 2011



New Mexico Environmental Department
PO Box 5469
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-5469

Dear NMED Representatives:

I am a member of NMUSA. I cannot attend your public meeting in Santa Fe, NM on Tuesday, 11-08-11. I fully support repealing state greenhouse gas rule and therefore I am opposing it for the following reasons:

- Climate change is a good issue that cannot be effectively addressed at the state level;
- There is no law or air quality standard that requires NM adopt such a rule;
- The Federal EPA is already taking action to curb greenhouse gas emissions at the national level;
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- The negative economic impacts of the rule will disproportionately harm the low income population in NM according to an expert witness;
- The rule will hurt the state's economy and raise energy costs.
- Participating in a regional cap & trade program will put NM businesses at a competitive disadvantage with other states that do not participate;

Other NMUSA members may states more reasons but I hope you take these into consideration during your public hearing. Thanks

Irvin & Norma Jean Jones
505/863-4085 Or Email: applejones1938@Yahoo.com

Irvin Jones & Norma Jean Jones

2053 Southern Star Loop
Las Cruces, NM 88011-4079
4 November 2011



The New Mexico Environmental Department
PO Box 5469
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-5469

Subject: Repeal of cap and trade rule

Greetings:

I urge you to repeal the New Mexico Cap and Trade rule. Enforcement of this rule will weaken an already struggling New Mexico economy. It will place NM businesses at a further disadvantage in competing with businesses operating in Texas and Mexico. Economic analysis estimates that enforcement of this rule will lead to a decline in State GDP of at least \$200 million by 2020 and the loss of at least 4,000 jobs. All of these economic losses will further reduce state funds available for public education and many other needed state programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. Eldon Steelman'.

J. Eldon Steelman, Ph.D. EE



Aaron A. Drager
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Clovis, NM 88101
(please print name and address above)
10-27, 2011

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Respectfully,

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Signature



Ellyce J. Charles

PO Box 391

Vanderwagen, NM 87326

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Linda Calligan
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Harold D Crane

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San Jon NM 88434

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4 Nov, 2011

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Jacqueline Rossignol

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Ramah NM 87321

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Jacqueline Rossignol

A consumer/member of Continental Divide Electric Cooperative

Please use your
influence to protect
our environment
rather than
to defend polluting
businesses - JR



Arlene 850
Hill 2 Box 3746
Lincoln NM 87523

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ANTHONY & RAMONA GALLEGOS
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ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico

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Anthony J. Gallegos - Ramona Gallegos

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Richard L. Epallose
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Nov 3, 2011

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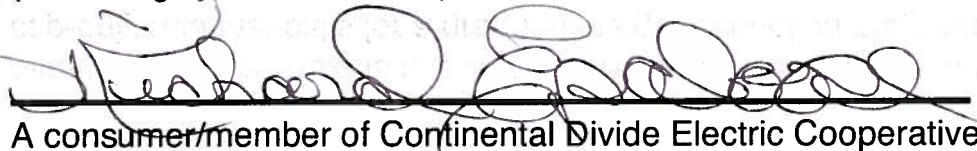
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TIM McDougale

28 KARLA Rd.

Box 2956 MILAN NM 87102

(Please print name and mailing address above)

Tim McDougale, 2011

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28 KARLA Rd.
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Lena P. Tsethlikian
P. O. Box 951
Zuni, New Mex 87327

(Please print name and mailing address above)

Nov. 4th , 2011

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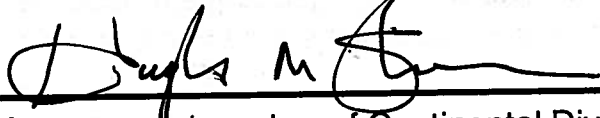
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October 19, 2011

Governor Susana Martinez
Governor's Office
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Santa Fe, NM 87503

Ref: Resolution Supporting the Repeal of 20.2.350 NMAC (Greenhouse Gas Cap-and-Trade Provision); 20.2.100 NMAC (Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program); 20.2.300 NMAC (Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions); and 20.2.301 (Greenhouse Gas Reporting – Verification Requirements)

Dear Honorable Governor Martinez,

The Board of Curry County Commission met on October 11, 2011 and unanimously approved the enclosed resolution believing these regulations will cause significant economic disruption in New Mexico and deliver no meaningful environmental benefits. The Board respectfully requests any assistance that you can provide to repeal the above named regulations.

We appreciate everything you do for the residents of Curry County and the State of New Mexico. If you have any questions, or if we can ever be of assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lance A. Pyle
Curry County Manager

CC: File

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-47

SUPPORTING THE REPEAL OF 20.2.350 NMAC (Greenhouse Gas Cap-and-Trade Provisions); 20.2.100 NMAC (Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program); 20.2.300 NMAC (Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions); and 20.2.301 (Greenhouse Gas Reporting – Verification Requirements)

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WHEREAS, this is a national and global issue, and should not be addressed with regulations on the state level; and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Curry County Commission supports the repeal of 20.2.350 NMAC (Greenhouse Gas Cap-and-Trade Provisions); 20.2.100 NMAC (Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program); 20.2.300 NMAC (Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions); and 20.2.301 (Greenhouse Gas Reporting – Verification Requirements) because these regulations will cause significant economic disruption in New Mexico and deliver no meaningful environmental benefits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Curry County Commission calls upon its residents to submit comments to the Environmental Improvement Board either by writing to the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board or by attending the public comment sessions in person.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be sent to the New Mexico Association of Counties, the New Mexico Environment Improvement Board, the three (3) New Mexico Senators, and three (3) New Mexico Representatives who represent Curry County in the New Mexico Legislature and to the Honorable Susana Martinez, Governor of the State of New Mexico.

PASSED AND APPROVED unanimously by the Board of the Curry County Commission on the 11th day of October 2011.

BOARD OF CURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Caleb Chandler, Chairman


Approved - Unavailable for signature
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ATTEST:


Coni Jo Lyman, County Clerk